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Yours my dearest was duly
recd. All points escaped
& health being ours - at least
mine. What remains but to
be glad? & the work went (as
I say) & similarly! & towards
the close of the year with ref.
to the return of the sun) is
your turning back in February.
What a consolation & we
have at every descent of
the wheel!

Home matters are
as usual - Sarah has not gone
to Belmont. In the studio - I
have turned out my Italian -
& gone to work in earnest on

the relief - How to keep my
good English boy is a question.
He has made a cast (mould)
the p.m. for the life man to go
a piece for the life man to go
to Shelburne next summer - &
assumes very gladly the work
that John undertook - He is
such a good fellow I shall have
to be much out of any thing &
do before I send him away.

Graham came in just before
dinner last evng. glowing with
news - Miss Felton had bought his
\$500. picture of the piety of St.
Mare & he had just earned it
there - He stayed & dined with us
& James came in the way to say
that he had not bought a cheque
from Miss Peabody because Mr.
P. thought the Com. had better
make a little more formal transfer
etc. But this A. M. Mrs. Bull

Came with a \$3000 cheque - her
completed pay ~~to~~ ^{for} the statue.
The rest will come in time I
suppose.

I enclose 2 Shelburne
letters which I took the
liberty to open. & one other which
I opened & which looked all as
domestic as these two - proved to
be an adventure - Is it it - the
irony of fate (to borrow a much
applying phrase) that Mrs. Galt
should cut down her backs to
see our home? Mr Wood has come
from the other Barbanks home
in response to Sarah's present.

Blessings on you for your suggestion
about the arches. What had I
done to deserve it? The going
has been dreadfully bad. or slush
or mud - today the latter

& nothing in such cold weather
could keep our feet from
aching but these same
frosts.

What means Adeline
by "going in search of Andros
in N. Y." Did I - I ask with
shivers - did I at any time
hint - that she was to spend
her time in that way? It
is twice as far to from
N. Y. to Shelburne as from
Boston thither.

Sarah ^{has come} ~~went~~ out - but very
little this week - on acct. of
the weather - I have passed over
custom receipts - & called at the
Bartols one day - Mary B. whom I
saw believes that Mrs. Bull is plunged
in the mind cure business - & I

Think it more than likely.
Says Annie filled is not.
(in any case of modern superstition)
Our friend Townsend who
is giving a course of 10 lectures
upon the favorite subjects in
the Bartols' house (giving them
in Charleston too & somewhere
else) is gone over to mind cure
to that extent that she cures
herself. & she says she was
never so happy in all her life.
I believe it. The one glimpse
I had of her this season showed
her young-looking - round &
plump. Bless the dear old
lady! I must close now
for the mail - being determined
you shall have this Monday A.M.
from me - from me -

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